

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, as amended herein. Claims 2-36 were pending in the application. In this amendment, Claim 20 has been canceled, Claims 3, 14, 15, 21, 23, 26, and 27 have been amended, and no new claims have been added. Therefore, Claims 2-19 and 21-36 are pending in the application.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because they did not include every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The feature in the claims--‘screw’-type pump or motor--is disclosed in the last paragraph of page 12 of the specification and in claims 3, 15, and 27. Applicant proposes to add new Figures 4b and 4c that includes the features of the invention not previously illustrated in the various drawings. Applicant has also amended the specification to add a reference to the new drawings. No new matter has been added.

The feature in the claims--‘seal’ for preventing leakage--is disclosed in the specification in the first (partial) and last paragraphs of page 11 and in claims 8, 19, and 31. Applicant proposes to amend Figures 1 and 4a to includes the features of the invention not previously illustrated in the various drawings. Figure 4 has been renumbered to Figure 4a. Applicant has also amended the specification to add the reference character in the description in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b). No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to the drawings, asserting that the feature of the ‘first and second fluid sources’ was not included in the drawings. Applicant respectfully points out that the two fluid sources are shown in Figure 7. Furthermore, Applicant proposes to amend Figure 7 to add element numbers to the features for improved clarity. Applicant has also amended the

specification to add the reference characters in the description in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b). No new matter has been added.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected Claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended Claim 23 to affirmatively recite the subject matter that the Applicant regards as the invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 2-13 and 26-36. Claims 3, 15, and 27 have been amended to conform to proper Markush format. Claim 26 has been amended to correct a typographical error. None of the claims has been broadened and no new matter has been added.

The Examiner further indicated that Claims 20-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant has amended Claim 14, being the base claim, and included all of the limitations of Claim 20. Claim 20 has been canceled and Claim 21 has been amended to correct antecedent basis. Applicant respectfully suggests that Claim 14, as amended is allowable. The Examiner's assistance in accurately describing allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged.

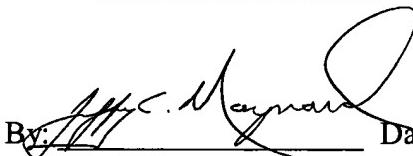
Claims 21 and 22 depend from amended Claim 14, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable as amended. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 21 and 22, as suggested by the Examiner, are also allowable.

Additionally, Claims 15-19 and 23-25 depend from amended Claim 14, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable as amended. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 15-19 and 23-25 are also allowable

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made a diligent effort to address the rejections identified by the Examiner, and respectfully submits that the outstanding rejections in the Office Action have been overcome. In view of the above amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be patentable, and thus, the case is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience. In the event that there is any question concerning this response, or the application in general, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below so that additional changes may be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
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Figure 1

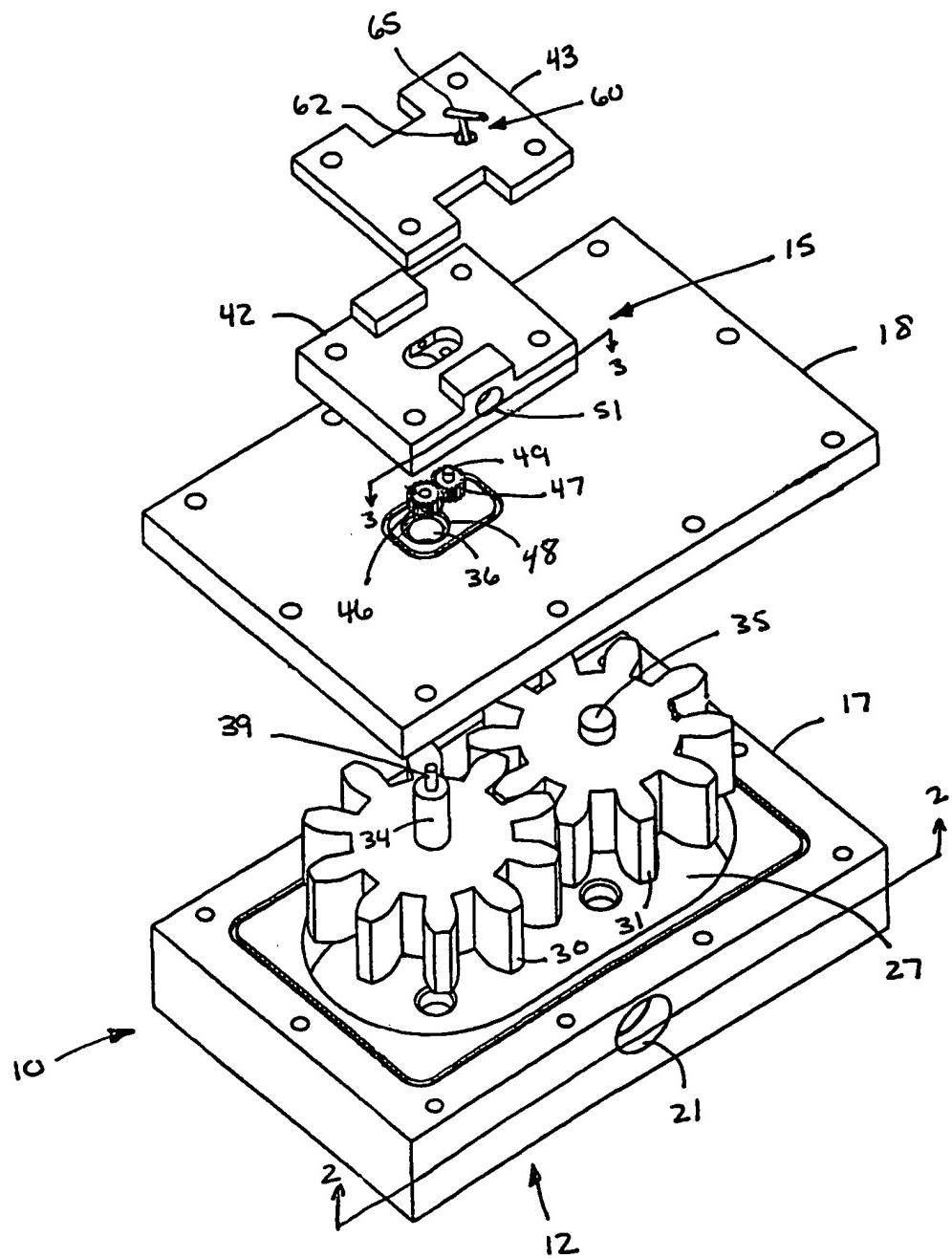
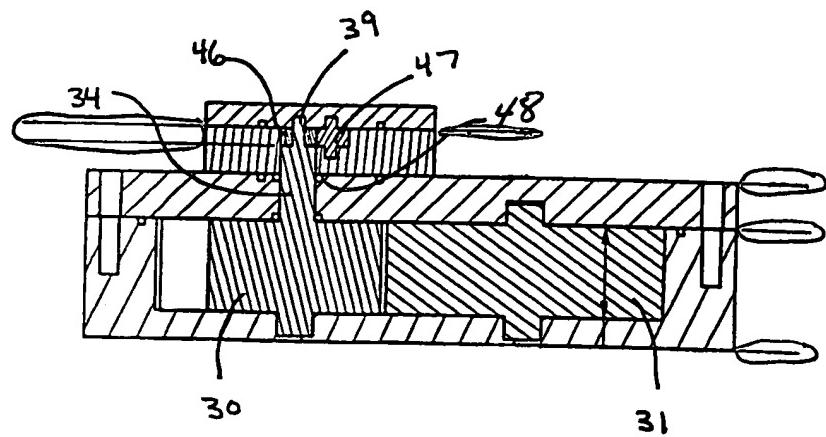


Figure 2b



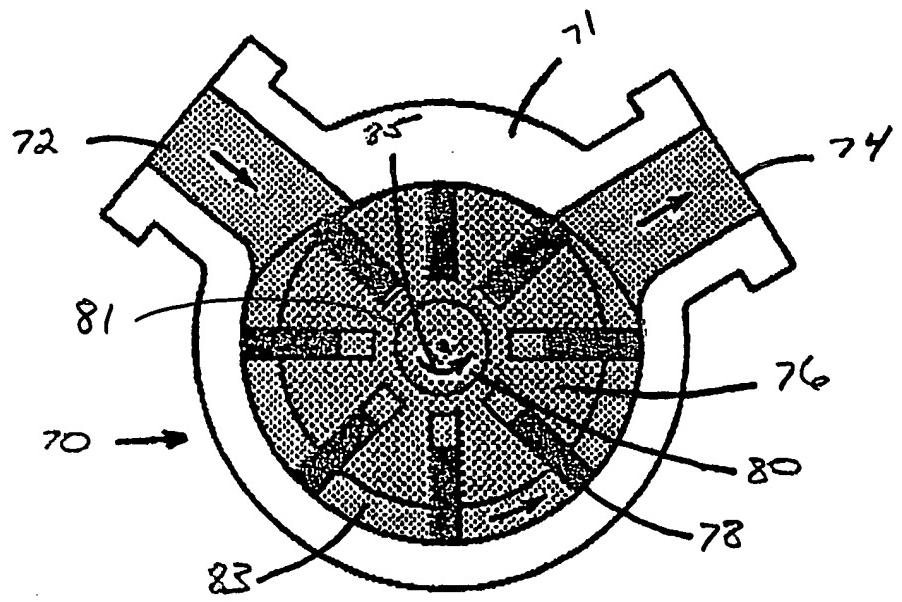


Figure 9a

Figure 7

